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### *Lava Wildland Fire Update*

**St. George**—A Type III Incident Manager is managing the “Lava Fire” burning on the Arizona Strip approximately 60 miles southeast of St. George, Utah. As of Tuesday morning the fire was approximately 628 acres in size. The fire, burning on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) began on July 25 from lightning. Arizona Strip District Fire Managers have been monitoring fire growth from the start of the fire. No structures are threatened in this remote location and no road closures are in effect.

The “Lava Fire,” is burning primarily in Ponderosa pine, juniper, and mixed brush. Interagency resources on the fire include four engines, and one water tender.

The “Lava Fire” is being managed for multiple objectives including achieving desired future conditions for the vegetation and protecting the values at risk including archeological sites and monument objects such as the ponderosa pine ecosystem and goshawk habitat.

“These ecosystems have been shaped by fire for centuries. Allowing fire to resume its’ natural role benefits these landscapes,” said Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Manager Pam McAlpin. “This is an excellent opportunity to manage a lightning-caused fire which has resulted in goshawk habitat improvement, ponderosa pine ecosystem protection, and in moving the area towards a condition where fire can play its’ natural role on a landscape level,” McAlpin said. “These activities in the future will eventually decrease fire costs across the landscape,” McAlpin added.

**For More Information:** For more information on fire activity in southwestern Utah, call the Color County Fire Information Hotline at 1-866-447-1283. For more information on wildland fires burning in **Arizona** go to: <http://wildlandfire.az.gov/> or for wildfire info in **Utah** visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov). For more information on fires across the country, visit [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).